Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present were: Chairman S. Jon Stumpf, Vice Chair Mary O'Donoghue, Paul Fortier, Margaret (Peggy) Kruse, Joanne Marden and Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt; also present were Finance Director Donna Walsh and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

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Warrant Article 18 - Doherty Middle School Site Improvements

Building Maintenance Superintendent Ed Ataide gave a presentation of estimated costs for Doherty Middle School improvements to be considered simultaneously with the Youth Center construction. Mr. Ataide distributed an updated probable cost document and site work diagrams which were discussed in detail. Contingencies have been built into the estimates to allow for unexpected problems or delays. More bids and cost/design estimates are still being collected.

There was much discussion about whether or not this project can be done now, although it makes sense to happen in conjunction with the Youth Center construction which is hoping to break ground in Aug/Sept. There is a 7-week window of time in the summer where the foundation/infrastructure would be set underground and made safe for the children returning to school in the Fall.

On a motion by Mr. Fortier, seconded by Ms. Marden, the Committee voted to approve Article 18 for \$2.5M. The motion passed 4-2.

School Budget

Options for various budget items and ways to fund the gap between the Town Manager's budget and the School's Strategic Plan budget were discussed. Mr. Stumpf gave an update on the Town Manager's revenues and expenditures projections. Mr. Ataide explained the critical need for the West Middle School heating project to be funded. This will be discussed further at a Tri-Board meeting next week so a recommendation can be made about how to deal with the gap and other school budget issues. The WMS heating system is an essential project which needs to be funded.

On a motion by Ms. Marden, seconded by Ms. O'Donoghue, the Committee voted to use the additional funds identified as available for FY'14, for the West Middle School heating system. The motion passed 6-0.

Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Kruse seconded by Mr. Fortier, the Committee voted to approve the January 16th minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

On a motion by Ms. Kruse seconded by Ms. Moffitt, the Committee voted to approve the February 4^{th} Joint minutes with changes. The motion passed 6-0.

On a motion by Ms. Kruse seconded by Mr. Fortier, the Committee voted to approve the February 6^{th} Joint minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

On a motion by Ms. Kruse seconded by Ms. Moffitt, the Committee voted to approve the February 13th Joint minutes. The motion passed 5-0-1.

On a motion by Mr. Fortier seconded by Ms. O'Donoghue, the Committee voted to approve the February 25th Joint minutes. The motion passed 5-0-1.

Minutes (cont'd)

On a motion by Ms. Kruse seconded by Ms. Moffit, the Committee voted to approve the February 27th Joint minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m. FinCom, then 7:00 p.m. Tri-Board

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Documents: Opinion of Probable Cost – Doherty Middle School Doherty Middle School Site Work diagrams